

30th September, 1898. This Weaver-bird is found all over this district, wherever there is thick bush."—H. F. F.

This is also a species not hitherto recorded from anywhere south of the Zambesi.

6. *CENTROPUS NATALENSIS* Shelley : id. Cat. B. xix. p. 362.

"(a) Male: iris bright red. Inhambane, 2nd October, 1898. (b) Female: iris bright red; legs leaden coloured; feet slightly darker. North of Inhambane, 5th October, 1898. Very common. Its note is a long combined succession of *ku-ku-ku*'s, loud and full; it can be heard everywhere in the early mornings and afternoons, and very often at night too."—H. F. F.

This is a widely-diffused South-African species, extending north to the Zambesi.

7. *CEUTHMOCHARES AUSTRALIS* Sharpe : Shelley, Cat. B. xix. p. 403.

"Female: iris dark wine-colour. North of the Inhambane. 8th October, 1898. This species is not uncommon, but rather difficult to procure on account of its habit of keeping to the thickest bush."—H. F. F.

8. *GLAUCIDIUM CAPENSE* (Smith) : Sharpe, Cat. B. ii. p. 223.

"Female: iris bright yellow, pupil rather large and blue-black. North of Inhambane, 27th September, 1898. Native name here and in Gazaland 'Sikothlwan.'"—H. F. F.

XX.—*Additions to the List of Lower Yangtse Birds.*

By F. W. STYAN.

IN 'The Ibis,' 1891, pp. 316-359, 481-510, will be found a list of birds known to occur in the Lower Yangtse Basin, and in 1894, pp. 333-335, appears a short supplementary list: to these further observation has now added the following seventeen species, bringing up the total to 385 species (*Tringa subminuta* having been by mistake entered twice):—

15 a. *GARRULAX PICTICOLLIS* Swinhoe.

Specimens of this handsome Babbler, which is abundant in the wooded mountains of Chekiang and Fohkien, were obtained in the neighbourhood of Chinteh in Anhwei Province.

16 a. *LANTHOCINCLA CINEREICEPS* (Styan).

*Trochalopteron cinereiceps* Styan, Ibis, 1887, p. 166.

Specimens from the Chinteh district. This bird, a good account of the habits of which was given by Mr. Rickett in 'The Ibis,' 1897, p. 605, has a wide range, being common in Fohkien, Chekiang, up the Yangtse to Hupeh, and lately I have received one from Lung An, in the extreme N.W. of Sechuen.

17 a. *POMATORHINUS SWINHOEI* David.

Also from the neighbourhood of Chinteh, Anhwei.

22 a. *PARADOXORNIS GULARIS* Gray.

From the same district. Specimens shot in October and November are in fine newly-moulted plumage, the underparts washed with a creamy-yellow tinge. These birds congregate in large flocks, and are much less shy than *P. guttaticollis*. They are frequently found in dense cover, where shooting is almost impossible, but in more open country will allow their ranks to be decimated without much apparent concern.

40 a. *REGULUS CRISTATUS* (Linn.).

Two pairs shot at Lang Shan (famous for its breed of fowls), Kiangsu, near the mouth of the Yangtse, in February.

45 a. *ARUNDINAX AEDON* (Pall.).

A single specimen obtained at Kiukiang in May. This bird is no doubt frequently overlooked owing to its very close general resemblance to *Acrocephalus orientalis*.

46 a. *LOCUSTELLA OCHOTENSIS* (Midd.).

Two killed at Shanghai on 3rd and 4th June, a date which makes it probable that they breed in the neighbourhood.

51 a. *UROSPHENA USSURIANA* (Seebohm).

A single specimen obtained at Chinteh, Anhwei. The upper parts are dull olive-brown instead of warm chocolate,

as in *U. squamiceps*, and the bill is much darker. It has the same scaly appearance about the head.

57 a. *ALCIPPE HUETI* David.

Specimens from Chinteh, Anhwei.

57 b. *SCHENIPARUS BRUNNEUS* (Gould).

*Alcippe brunnea* Gould.

Also from Chinteh, Anhwei.

79 a. *HYPSPETES LEUCOCEPHALUS* (Gm.).

This species, which has an extensive range, proves to be common at Chinteh in summer, and it is only surprising that it has not been met with elsewhere on the Yangtse up to date.

154 a. *DENDROCITTA SINENSIS* (Lath.).

Common in the Chinteh district.

168 a. *MEGALEMA VIRENS* (Bodd.).

Also from Chinteh. Rickett and I last year became very familiar with this bird at Ching Feng Ling in Fohkien, and it has for me a peculiar fascination. It usually frequents high trees, where its bright colours are not noticeable; but its peculiar hovering flight, with rounded back and spread tail, as it passes from branch to branch in search of berries, is very striking, and is accompanied by an audible *b-rrrr* of the wings. Its loud, ringing "cool-loo," sounding from some high clump on the hillside, can be heard at a great distance, and has a curiously plaintive charm about it.

178 a. *HIEROCOCCYX SPARVERIOIDES* (Vig.).

Under the heading *H. fugax* ('Ibis,' 1891, p. 484) I mentioned the note of a Cuckoo frequently heard near Hankow in spring, but only lately have been able to identify it for certain with this species, when one was shot and given to me. Just previously I had made personal acquaintance with the bird among the hills behind Ningpo, where it was abundant in April. It has a peculiar note, which may be rendered by the syllables "pee-pē-wa." This is uttered first moderately loud in rather a low key; after a few seconds it is repeated louder and higher; again a pause and another call, and so on in a *crescendo*

scale until it ends in a piercing scream, after which the bird is silent for some minutes. One result is that in cover it is difficult to localize the bird, as it appears to approach at each call.

190 *a.* *SYRNIUM NEWARENSE* (Hodgs.).

A beautiful specimen of this fine Owl was collected at Chinteh.

203 *a.* *SPILORNIS CHEELA* (Lath.).

Two obtained near Chinteh.

319 *a.* *GALLINAGO GALLINULA* (Linn.).

The Jack Snipe is a rare bird in China, and most birds reported as such prove to be merely small Common Snipe. It was therefore a pleasure to be presented with a veritable "Jack" shot at Taitsan, near Shanghai, on 10th April.

*Note.*—Chinteh lies on the south bank of the river, 15 miles inland of Tungliu, a small city close to the border of Kiangsi, which is marked on most maps. It will be observed that 12 of these species came from the hills in this neighbourhood, and show a very close relationship between its avifauna and that of Fohkien, lying directly south. In the latter province all the above, except the *Syrnium* and *Urosphena*, are common.

XXI.—*On Birds from West China.* By F. W. STYAN.

(Plate IV.)

IN June 1896 my two native collectors left Hankow by steamer for Ichang, in Hupeh, about 1000 miles from the mouth of the Yangtse. Thence they proceeded, on the south of the river, about 100 miles to Patung, close to the border of Sechuen, in which neighbourhood they remained, among wooded hills of moderate height, until the end of September. The season was very wet and the results were indifferent. The specimens collected were mostly of common species in poor plumage, the following being the most interesting :—